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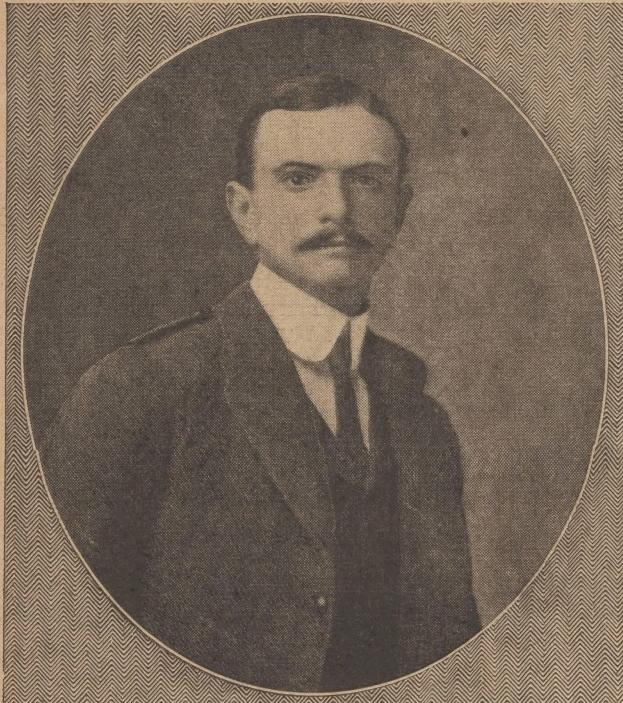
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HIGHLAND CHIEFTAIN AND HIS SCOTTISH BRIDE.



(Warnecke.)

Two old houses of Stuart loyalists are united to-day by the marriage of Captain Cameron of Lochiel, the young chief of all the Camerons, to Lady Hermione Graham, daughter of the Duke of Montrose and sister to the Marquis of Graham, who is en-



(Kate Pragell.)

gaged to be married to Lady Mary Hamilton. The wedding takes place at All Saints' Church, Ennismore-gardens, but, owing to the recent death of the bridegroom's father, the ceremony will be quiet, and there will be no reception afterwards.

JAPANESE SAILORS ARRIVING AT LONDON BRIDGE STATION YESTERDAY.



Large crowds thronged the streets to see the Japanese sailors march to London Bridge Station, where they took train to the Crystal Palace to enjoy a day's entertainment specially provided for them. To-day the men leave London—300 by the transport in

which they arrived for the Tyne, and the remainder by train for Barrow. Before they sail for Japan in the battleships they will take over this week it is expected a visit will be made to Portsmouth.

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Mr. CLARK. [From a Photo.]

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LABOUR REVOLT IN THE COMMONS.

Opposition to the Trades Disputes Bill.

ANGRY DISSENT.

Will the Bill Be Amended to Meet Labour Views?

By bringing in this Bill the Government have fulfilled their mandate. (Angry cries of "No, no, no," from Labour members.) They have done their best to get a satisfactory solution of a very difficult question, and their attempt was an honest attempt. (A Voice: "Honest, but poor.")

Such was the reception accorded by the Labour members to the Trades Disputes Bill, introduced in the House of Commons last night by the Attorney-General, Sir J. Lawson Walton. It was most apparent that the Bill came far short of fulfilling the expectations of the Labour Party, whom it mostly concerned.

The main features of the Bill are the following:

1. The rights of combination and "peaceful persuasion" are to be enacted in express terms.
2. No act of an individual shall be made the foundation of a claim against trade unions unless it has been authorised by the governing body of the union.
3. The executive committee of given trade unions must repudiate the acts of a self-constituted agent if they are not to be bound by them.

In presenting the Bill Sir J. Lawson Walton explained that it proposed to lay down a plain path for trade unions through "the mazes of the law of conspiracy."

"We propose," he said, "to call in the aid of the principle established by the Act of 1875."

"It is there declared that the character of an Act committed by a trade union within the terms of the criminal law shall depend upon the consideration whether it is criminal or not, assuming it to be the act of an individual. The same principle will be applied to the operation of the civil law.

PEACEFUL PERSUASION.

As to the claim that union funds should be immune from attack, the Attorney-General contended that, having abolished the privileges of the autocracy, it would be wrong to create a new privilege for the proletariat.

"It would be untrue to remove from trade unions and their officials a sense of responsibility which is necessary to check imprudent and unjust action."

Sir J. Lawson Walton's explanatory speech had been so far received with chilling silence by the Labour members. Vocal expressions of their opinions came towards the close of the speech, when exclamations of disapproval broke from them as above indicated.

Mr. Shackleton, a strong, black-bearded, level-headed Labour member, said he was disappointed that the Government had not proceeded on the lines of the trade unions' own Bill. "The unions," he declared, "are not prepared to take any responsibility for acts unless employers' associations are placed on the same footing."

NO SPECIAL TREATMENT.

Mr. Atherley-Jones, a Durham Liberal, advised the Labour Party to take a broad view of the question, and not act too hastily.

"Class privilege!" ejaculated Sir Edward Carson, in describing the spirit permeating the Bill.

As a member of the most powerful trade union in the world, Mr. Bruce claimed that trade unions were not asking for any special treatment.

"All we ask for," he pleaded, "is equality of treatment before the law with the employers."

Mr. Richard Bell, the well-known railway member, said firmly: "I shall vote for the Bill at this stage, but it will have to be amended in Committee!"

Mr. Ivor Guest, who recently joined the Liberals, also threatened revolt.

"I regret so early to come into conflict with my leaders," confessed Mr. Llewelyn Williams, "but I have pledged myself to support the freeing of trade union funds from liability."

Leave to introduce the Bill was then granted, and it was read a first time.

POSSIBLE COMPROMISE.

There is reason to believe that the Government will be largely influenced in their future attitude towards the Trades Disputes Bill by the decision arrived at by the House of Commons to-morrow on the Bill dealing with the same subject, which is to be brought in by the Labour members. If, as is anticipated, the second reading of Mr. Hudson's Bill is carried, it is probable that both will be considered in Committee with a view to meeting the objections raised yesterday.

ON FRIENDLY TERMS WITH GHOSTS.

Lady Lecturer Gives Remarkable Account of Her Experiences.

MANNERS FOR SPECTRES.

Ghosts, it appears, are just sociable disembodied human beings. Talk to them, and they are pleasant, sociable companions; but show any fear, and they will clank chains and perform other unpleasant and ghostly feats.

So, at least, says Mrs. Endicott, who confided to a select gathering of occult enthusiasts at the Westminster Palace Hotel last night.

The correct greeting for ghost, it appears, is, "What do you want?" or "Why do you come back?" Addressed after this fashion, the most formidable ghost will dissolve into a mild-mannered apparition of unexpected behaviour.

"They have great love," said Mrs. Endicott; "a love that surpasses earthly love; and they would not hurt you if they could."

Indeed, their affection for strangers is sometimes inconvenient. Mrs. Endicott had an embarrassing experience with a ghostly old lady who had come back to inquire after her lost daughter.

VOICELESS TONE PREFERRED.

She asked her questions "in a voiceless tone," meaning that what the ghost said was conveyed to her by the vibrations of the air.

Mrs. Endicott rashly promised to inquire about the daughter, and the old ghost attached itself to her, and followed her about everywhere.

Eventually it was discovered that the daughter was also dead, and the two ghosts were eventually united.

Mrs. Endicott had a second experience of a ghost at the Queen's House, Chelsea. On another occasion she was with a lady who was drawing up her family pedigree, and saw the room filled with this lady's ancestors, one of whom was anxious that his name should be included.

He even indicated the place where it should be written, and on the promise to include it being given retired with a bow.

Spirits, it appears, have very benevolent intentions, but not always. For the ghosts of those who have committed crimes in their life return to induce others to commit similar crimes.

Subsequently an old white-bearded Colonial gentleman told the audience that for years he had been in touch with his dead mother.

MME. BERNHARDT'S TENTED TRIUMPH.

Emotions Never Appealed to More Strongly Than at First Performance Under Canvas.

Mme. Sarah Bernhardt is charmed with Texas, just as Texas is charmed with her.

She repeated the great triumph of Dallas at Waco, a town 100 miles away, on Tuesday night. Thither the great tent, which has seating for 4,200 persons, was transported, and there again business was suspended, and the annual social and political meetings were postponed, while excursion trains brought cowboys from distant parts to do homage at the temporary shrine of the great actress.

"I find my first performance under canvas," runs message Mme. Bernhardt sent to the "New York Herald," "with great admiration for every individual in the audience, for such an appreciation of our art. My emotions were never appealed to more strongly."

PREMIER'S LAME EXPLANATION.

Mr. R. A. Leach, clerk to the Rochdale Board of Guardians, recently wrote to the Prime Minister asking how he arrived at the estimate that 12,000,000 people in this country were on the verge of starvation, and what was implied by that expression.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has now replied to the effect that he did not use the phrase "on the verge of starvation," but spoke of 12,000,000 people being on the verge of hunger, supposing the figures of Mr. Charles Booth in the case of London and Mr. Rowntree in that of York applied to the whole country.

MR. NAT GOODWIN'S TWO "BEAUTIES."

Mr. Nat Goodwin is producing in New York "The Beauty and the Model," in which there will be two leading ladies—Miss Alexandra Carlisle, an English girl, who was "discovered" during the production of "A Gilded Fool" in London, and Miss Edna Goodrich, an American beauty.

Portraits of the actresses appear on page 9.

DANGER LURKING IN EASTERN SEAS.

TOKIO, Wednesday.—A fishing-boat, carrying a crew of ten, was blown up off the Yeo-chen-zen coast yesterday by a floating mine. Three injured men were picked up, but the remainder of the crew are missing.—Reuter.

"RAGGING" INQUIRY.

Victim Too Ill for His Evidence To Be Taken Yet.

It is now a fortnight since the disgraceful Scots Guards ragging case took place, and Mr. Clark-Kennedy, its unfortunate victim, is still so ill that the court of inquiry promised by Mr. Haldane has not been able to take action.

During the whole of this fortnight the wretched boy has been in the doctor's hands, and has had special nursing attendance, which has still to be continued. It is hoped, however, that in the course of the next few days he may be well enough to appear before the Court.

The Court will probably consist of three officers, and may be presided over by a colonel, assisted by two captains.

The Court will first of all sit in London to take evidence on oath from Mr. Clark-Kennedy, and will afterwards move to Aldershot to take the evidence of the four officers implicated, who will be brought to the Court under an armed guard. The Court will then report to the Army Council. Even if the Council find the prisoners guilty on the evidence, they cannot do more than request them to "send in their papers." Should the officers decline to do so the Secretary of State for War would summon a court-martial, and this Court would have the power to inflict five years' imprisonment on the officers in question.

The four officers concerned in the attack on Mr. Clark-Kennedy are at present at North Camp, Aldershot, under what is known as "open" arrest.

PRINCE OF WALES IN EGYPT.

Visits to Cairo, the Pyramids, and the Nile Barrage Arranged for the Royal Party.

The Prince and Princess of Wales arrived yesterday at Suez, and will remain in Egypt for a few days.

A very interesting programme has been arranged for them, including visits to the Pyramids and the great Nile barrage.

The Princess of Wales will visit the Khediyah and the Khediyah's mother at Koumbek Palace. H.M.S. Renown, with the royal party on board, is due to leave Port Said on April 5.

INSURANCE MAGNATE ARRESTED.

London Manager of New York Life Says His Company Will Welcome an Inquiry.

Mr. George W. Perkins, ex-vice-president of the New York Life Insurance Company, has been arrested on a charge of grand larceny in the first degree.

In view of recent events the general-manager of the company in London has addressed a special letter to the Earl of Onslow, in which he states that, "fully appreciating the calm, dispassionate, and judicial manner in which you presented this subject in Parliament, and the general correctness of the statements you made, may I say, on behalf of the New York Life, that we shall be more than glad to see some measure of just and searching supervision exercised over the business generally here in England."

PREFERRED DEATH TO PARTING.

Beautiful Young Wife of an Austrian Professor Shoots Herself When He Goes to Prison.

Unable to face the prospect of separation from her husband, Mme. Laura Heer, a young and beautiful Austrian girl, yesterday shot herself with a revolver at Clarendon, on Lake Lemon.

She was married to Professor Heer, one of the lecturers at the University of Vienna. Some time ago the professor was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment on a charge of immorality.

Animated by a belief in his innocence his wife strained every source to obtain a reversal of the sentence. She obtained a respite of three months, but yesterday the professor had to bid his wife farewell and surrender to the prison authorities.

MIDNIGHT TELEGRAMS.

A fire, which caused £200,000 damage, yesterday devastated Johnstown, Pennsylvania, the scene of the terrible floods of 1889.

The engagement of Miss Louise Vanderhoef, one of the finest lady golfers in New York, to Mr. Gustave M. Hecksher, a senior at Yale University, is announced from New York.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Our special weather forecast for to-day is:—Northerly and north-easterly winds, freshening; mostly fair, some cold showers in the eastern districts; rather low temperature.

Lighting-up time, 7.25 p.m.

Sea passages will be moderate generally.

JAPANESE VISIT TO LONDON ENDS.

Fun with the Bluejackets at the Crystal Palace.

SORRY TO LEAVE.

Yesterday the Japanese sailors, who have taken London by storm, brought their round of sightseeing to a close, spending the day at the Tower, the Crystal Palace, and the Lyceum Theatre. Arriving at Liverpool-street at 9.20 a.m., the men marched to the Tower, and all along the route were—as has always been the case—enthusiastically greeted. At the Tower they were received by General Sir G. Milman, K.C.B., Governor of the Tower, and Sir Hugh Gough, V.C., Keeper of the Regalia.

The visit was made quite a private function, the Press and the public being rigorously excluded by "order of the Governor."

Marching across the Tower Bridge, along Tower-street and Tooley-street, the men took train from London Bridge to the Crystal Palace, where they arrived in time for lunch, and at once took possession of the place.

They swarmed all over the building and grounds, armed with indexed plans printed in their own language, making a very "Japanesy" picture.

"ENGLAND, ALL MENS VERY KINDNESS."

One of the sturdy little visitors, Engine-room Artificer S. Kato, of the battleship Katori, gave his impressions of England to the *Daily Mirror*. He and six of his shipmates were being escorted by a British bluejacket, who seemed immensely pleased with his charges. All of them carried little pocket dictionaries, which enabled them to carry on some sort of conversation.

"This for Russian," said the Japanese, pointing to the little silver star on a triangular turquoise blue and orange ribbon that he wore on his breast.

"Yes, I very like England," he continued. "This all mens like."

"He means the country," put in the English bluejacket, anxious to help out his new-found friend.

The peculiarity of Japanese pronunciation of English is the tendency to add syllables to words—e.g., saying "pla-to" instead of "plate," and "cato" for cat.

Asked how he liked England, he replied, "Number one, good; Ingrismen (Englishman) good heart; clear sky heart. All man plenty kind." He translated his remarks to his comrades, who smiled, and showed their assent with a vigorous "Yes, yes; tank you."

ENGLISH FOOD APPRECIATED.

Asked his opinion upon English customs and food, the petty officer smiling said: "Food, yes, yes; very good."

"Ingris daide (English lady) be-ry ni," he added, in reply to a further question. Then, with an expressive gesture, "Number one tall."

"And English soldiers?" queried the *Daily Mirror*.

"All mens plenty high; all same mountain," he replied, with a look of awe at two gorgeously attired cavalrymen, who were passing at the moment.

The Japanese were much amused at being asked the correct pronunciation of the only Japanese words that the average Englishman boasts—Jiu-jitsu and Banza.

The first word is spoken very quickly, with the accent on the first syllable, and was written down by the artificer "Ju ju shu." "Banza" he spelt "Ban sai," and pronounced it "Bang-sy."

The weather he described as "ver cool." Then, as the hour for luncheon arrived, he said: "Must go to three o'clock. I like ver much again come Engrand," and with a general shaking of hands and exchange of visiting-cards the little band of Japanese departed under the guidance of their English friend to line up before marching into the grill-room.

OUR VISITORS AT PLAY.

There was no Oriental impassiveness about the Japanese when, shrieking with laughter, they went round in the Maxim airships, waving their handkerchiefs wildly.

What seemed to please them most at the Palace was the slide toboggan in the main building.

Time after time they took their mats from the attendant below and climbed up to the starting point to slide down, three, four, and five in a row, laughing and cheering the whole while.

At every chance they showed their love of children, and perambulators were instantly surrounded by a smiling throng of bluejackets.

In the evening the men returned to London Bridge, and marched to the Lyceum, where a special performance had been arranged by the management.

To-day they leave London, half to take over the Kashiwa at Newcastle-on-Tyne, and the rest to join the Katori at Barrow.

The officers of the Imperial Japanese Navy at present in London were entertained at dinner by the First Lord of the Admiralty at his official residence in Whitehall last night.

GREAT SCOTTISH FAMILY ALLIANCE.

Cameron of Lochiel To Marry Lady Hermione Graham.

HISTORIC ROMANCE.

To-day two of the oldest Scottish families will be united by a most interesting wedding.

Lochiel, the handsome young chief of all the Camerons, will take to wife Lady Hermione Graham, the daughter of the Duchess of Montrose and sister of Lord Graham, who is shortly to marry Britain's richest heiress, Lady Mary Hamilton.

Throughout some of the most romantic and turbulent periods of Scotland's history these two great families—the Camerons and the Grahams—have fought side by side, and there is a historic, as well as a poetic, justice that the young head of the Cameron clan should lead to the altar the fair daughter of the house of Graham.

And that romantic element is intensified by the remembrance that the bride's brother and his fiancee, who are fighting a brave electoral campaign at Eye, in Suffolk, will shortly become man and wife, and will thus form another alliance between two honoured Scottish families.

SUPERB WEDDING GIFTS.

Because of the recent death of the bridegroom's father, to-day's wedding will be a quiet one, but the young couple have been the recipients of a wonderful number of marriage gifts of priceless value. The collection, to use a well-worn phrase, is "worth a king's ransom."

It was on view yesterday to friends at 32, Pont-street, where the Duchess of Montrose held a brilliant "At-home," attended by a large number of distinguished people.

Some of the most interesting gifts are the silver tray and centrepiece, from the officers of the Grenadiers, the bridegroom's regiment, the rose bowl from his tenants, and the centrepiece from the tenants on the estate on which Lady Hermione has been brought up.

Bridegroom to Bride.

To his fair bride the Lochiel has given a diamond necklace and pearl pendant. From the Duke and Duchess of Montrose she receives a peridot necklace with rubies and pearls.

Lady Hermione Graham, the bride's grandmother, gives a coat of sealskin and sable. A Chippendale table given by Lord Berkeley Paget is set with the Earl and Countess of Verulam's chintz dessert service, and Lord Graham and his brothers give their sister their mother's picture in miniature.

Detectives guard these precious gifts night and day until the time when all will disappear into the strong room, which will hold them until the end of the honeymoon.

THE CITY INQUISITION.

Date of the Special Meeting to Discuss Sir Edward Clarke's Position.

Now that Sir Edward Clarke is able to leave his room after his recent illness, the City inquisition is to proceed.

A special general meeting of the City of London Conservative Association, to consider the position of Sir Edward Clarke in relation to the association, after his speech on tariff reform in the House of Commons, will be held on Tuesday next, at noon, at the Cannon-street Hotel.

A resolution will be submitted to the meeting, and those who may be desirous of expressing their views will be afforded an opportunity of doing so.

Though the terms are not disclosed, it is expected that the resolution will be in opposition to Sir Edward Clarke.

It is not anticipated that Sir Edward will be able to attend, and it is most probable that a motion will be proposed for the adjournment of the meeting until such time as Sir Edward can be present in person.

LOST NEARLY £10,000 AT OLYMPIA.

Mr. Edmund Cleary, lately lessee of Olympia, whose public examination in the London Bankruptcy Court was concluded yesterday, returned his liabilities at £11,625 and his ultimate assets at nearly £300. He estimated that he had lost about £10,000 at Olympia.

FORTS AS RECREATION GROUNDS.

Mr. Haldane, having expressed his intention to do away with the series of forts on the Surrey Hills, on the ground that they are no longer of any use for the defence of London, it is suggested that the sites of those in the neighbourhood of Reigate and Guildford should be acquired for the purposes of public recreation grounds.

EUROPE AT PEACE.

English, French, and German Delegates Pleased at the Algeciras Entente.

PARIS, Wednesday.—The "Matin's" representative has interviewed all the delegates at Algeciras on the accord which has been arrived at with regard to Morocco.

Sir Arthur Nicolson authorised him to say that he was convinced that the accord was a matter upon which both France and Germany could congratulate themselves. It makes plain to everybody that it is not the intention of these two countries to act against the interests of Morocco or any other country.

It will tend to dispel many misunderstandings, and will prove to be the birth of a new era of confidence and peace. Sir Arthur added that it was in that manner that he looked upon the understanding which had been arrived at.

M. Revoli, the French delegate, said: We have done useful work, and I believe the accord will be accepted with satisfaction everywhere.

M. Radowitz, the German representative, said: Yes, I am content with the accord, but I shall be more content when I have left Algeciras. Good results should accrue from the understanding, and France and Germany should become good friends.—Exchange.

BATTLE OF FAIR WOMEN.

Lady Mary's Wedding Present To Be a Seat in Parliament for the Marquis.

Whatever the result of the polling in the Eye Division of Suffolk may be a week to-morrow, it will be largely due to the influence either of Lady Mary Hamilton on the one side or Mrs. Harold Pearson on the other. It is really a battle of fair women.

Never have ladies entered into a political contest with such zest. From Stradbroke, which is a Liberal stronghold, a bunch of blue hyacinths, sent from cottages in the district, was yesterday sent to Lady Mary in the name of women Unionists, with a wish for her speedy recovery.

Accompanying this gift was the cheering message: "That we women mean to do our very best to give you (Lady Mary) a wedding present which we think you will like very much, and that is, a seat in the House of Commons for the Marquis of Graham."

BISHOP INSULTED IN CHURCH.

Dr. Carr Glyn the Victim of an Abominable Attack at a Confirmation Service.

At Loughborough Parish Church yesterday Dr. Carr Glyn, Bishop of Peterborough, was the victim of an extraordinary insult.

The Bishop was to hold a confirmation service in the church. As he passed down the nave with nearly 200 candidates a middle-aged, smartly-dressed man left his seat, and, stepping into the aisle as the Bishop approached, shouted excitedly at the top of his voice: "Bishop of Peterborough, you are a thief."

His lordship stopped, and for a moment stood facing the man in astonishment, then quietly, without a word, led forward the procession. The churchwardens hurried up. "I'll go," cried the man excitedly, and went out of the church.

VOLUNTEERS' OBSOLETE GUNS.

Nineteen Different Sorts of Old Guns Used by Artillery Throughout the Country.

Amongst the sixty-eight Volunteer Artillery Corps in the country there are nineteen different varieties of gun in use. In consequence of this fact, it was stated at the annual meeting of the National Artillery Association last night, it was impossible to handicap the corps fairly.

Colonel Sir William Dupree pointed out that the obsolete five-inch guns thrown out of the Navy had been given to the Volunteers.

"The Volunteers," he added bitterly, "may be a cheap force, but their time is of value to themselves. The War Office has no right to waste it in drill with obsolete guns." He urged that the War Office should adopt General Slade's recommendation that only six-inch mark 7 guns should be used.

VICTORY FOR HARASSED SCHOOLGIRL.

At a meeting of the governors of the Holyhead County School, from which the daughter of the Rev. John Williams was recently expelled for wearing a ring, the master was instructed to remove the record of expulsion from the school books, and to make amicable overtures to the girl's parents.

HONOUR TO A JOURNALIST.

The Lord Chancellor has promised to preside at a complimentary dinner to Mr. Spencer Leigh Hughes at the Trocadero Restaurant on Saturday, April 7.

CURATE'S COURTSHIP.

Christmas Cracker Brings About Breach of Promise Case.

IRISH LOVE-STORY.

Say you will be mine, my little one,
Say you will wait for me,
Only a few more Christmases,
Then happy we will be.

On this touching sentiment—a verse taken from a Christmas cracker—hinges the evidence in an entertaining breach of promise case, the trial of which was resumed at Belfast yesterday.

It is a case in which Miss Robinson, a pretty Irish girl of 20, seeks to obtain £1,000 damages from the Rev. Joseph Jennings Smyth, rector of the fashionable church of St. Donald's, Belfast.

"About as pretty a little love story as I have ever come across" is the opinion of one of the counsel engaged in the case, and a crowded court of well-dressed young ladies listened very eagerly when Miss Rose gave her evidence. Miss Rose is a young lady of the "Gibson Girl" type.

The Rev. Joseph Smyth denies the promise of marriage, and also pleads that a reasonable time for the marriage to take place had not elapsed before the action was brought.

The rev. gentleman, said counsel for the plaintiff, became a curate in 1899, and at that time Miss Rose was a schoolgirl of fourteen. It seemed that very early Miss Rose exercised a powerful attraction over the defendant.

Carefully Prepared Cracker.

The affection grew with the growth of the young lady. It was an idyllic picture, said counsel—this affection between a young girl and a more mature man.

The incident of the Christmas cracker happened during the Easter of 1901. The Rev. Joseph Smyth had evidently prepared the cracker very carefully, as the poetry appeared to be a cutting from a newspaper. That was the beginning of the actual courtship. On Easter Monday defendant went very early to Miss Robinson's house, although not invited, and stayed until 11.30.

On December 27, 1905, he wrote that he had been appointed rector of St. Donald's. On one occasion after this, when sitting on his knee, Miss Robinson took off the ring he was wearing, and said, "I will keep it now, Joe, until you get me my engagement-ring."

Angry About the Ring.

Later the defendant wrote: "Just a line to tell you that I am very angry with you for keeping my ring, and I suppose wearing it. I didn't so much mind you keeping it from Monday till to-night, but as you refused to give it to me to-night I am more than angry. I have practically made up my mind that I won't come back till you send me the ring. You must please excuse me if you think this letter very sharp, but I can't help it—Yours very sincerely, J."

In cross-examination Miss Robinson caused some amusement by saying passionately: "I loved defendant in 1904."

She had had sufficient presents sent, she said, to stock a small jeweller's shop. On one occasion she found the Rev. Joseph Smyth walking in Belfast with another lady, although he had promised to meet her.

When next she met him, said Miss Robinson vehemently, she called him "Deceiver and traitor!"

The Rev. Joseph Smyth in the box denied that he had ever said Miss Robinson was "not class enough for him."

He took her on his knee because she was becoming hysterical and he wished to calm her. The hearing was again adjourned.

MISS ELLEN TERRY'S JUBILEE.

First List of Subscriptions To Commemoration Fund Totals 12,458 Shillings.

Nearly two hundred names are contained in the first list of subscriptions to the Ellen Terry Jubilee Commemoration Fund, published in the "Triangle" to-day.

Among the subscribers are Miss Marie Corelli (who follows the newspaper's contribution of 5,000 shillings with 500 shillings), the Duke of Fife, Mr. Anthony Hope, Lord Glenesk, Miss Beatrice Haraden, Sir John Aird, the Hon. John Collier, Mr. Rufus Isaacs, K.C., Mme. Sarah Grand, Mr. A. W. Pinero, Mr. Owen Seaman, Mr. Edmund Gosse, Sir Alfred and Lady Turner, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, and Mr. Barry Pain.

The total contributed is 12,458 shillings.

NEW LONDON MAGISTRATE.

We are officially informed that the King, on the recommendation of the Home Secretary, has been pleased to appoint Mr. Henry C. Birrell a Metropolitan police court magistrate, in place of the late Mr. Hadon Corser.

DUKE'S OFFER REFUSED.

Trentham Hall the Ancestral Home of the Sutherlands Goes A-begging.

The gift of Trentham Hall, the noble ancestral home of the Duke of Sutherland, has been reluctantly declined by the Staffordshire County Council, to whom the Duke offered it for the purposes of a college for the Potteries.

When the Shah of Persia was the Duke's guest at Trentham Hall, he is reported to have said to King Edward, who was then Prince of Wales: "If I had a noble in my kingdom with an estate like that, I should cut off his head and take his land."

The reason the princely offer has been declined is the insanitary condition of the Hall.

An inspector from the Board of Education examined the Hall, which cost £160,000 to build, and stated that its insanitary conditions revealed were deplorable, and that it would cost £13,000 to make it habitable.

In addition there is the insanitary condition of the River Trent, which flows past the Hall, and which caused the Duke to abandon Trentham as a residence.

The North Staffordshire scheme for the erection of a college just outside Stoke-on-Trent Station is now to be pushed forward as rapidly as possible.

A site has already been given by the late Mr. Alfred S. Bolton, of Oakamoor, and the college will comprise a School of Pottery and a School of Mining.

It is rumoured that Trentham Hall might be used by the Duchess for the furtherance of her philanthropic work among cripples and invalids.

STRANDED ON A CLIFF.

Perilous Seaside Adventure of a Party of Three Cambridge Students.

Three Cambridge undergraduates are very glad they are alive to tell the tale of a perilous adventure while rambling along the shore at Sandown.

They misjudged the tide, and found their retreat cut off. Their only hope of escape lay in climbing the cliff. Having got up fifty feet they could get no further.

One of them, a Cambridge Blue, tried to slide down the cliff surface, but rolled heavily to the bottom, escaping by a miracle with his life. He was badly cut and bruised.

The cries of the other two were heard by the constabulary at Culver wireless station, and the students were rescued by ropes lowered over the cliff. One was in a very exhausted state.

"MANNIKINS" DISPLAY OF NEW STYLES.

Throngs of Ladies Gain Hints on How To Dress from Graceful Shopgirls.

Attired in the very latest styles of dresses, thirty graceful shopgirls walked about the spacious showroom of Peter Robinson's yesterday under the gaze of throngs of ladies, who sought to gain a lesson as to how to dress correctly.

Every colour in every hat, costume, and parasol blended perfectly. Twenty, forty, and sixty guineas were some of the prices of the dresses.

The hats were a triumph of the milliner's art. What to wear at Ascot, Cowes, and Goodwood will now be less of a problem to many ladies, for there was no complexion or colour of hair for which there was not a costume to match.

PLEA FOR THE BRIEFLESS.

Appeals by Lord Chancellor and Judge on Behalf of Able Men "in the Shade."

The Lord Chancellor and Mr. Justice Grantham described the contrasts in careers at the Bar in appealing at the annual meeting yesterday for increased support for the Barristers' Benevolent Association.

Sir William Grantham pointed out that with the exception of a few eminent men who climbed to the top of the tree, and about a dozen successful barristers who monopolised the work in the courts, while there was a great mass of able and competent men who remained in the shade.

It was announced that the £10,000 left by Lady Diana Huddleston was to be set apart for the provision of annuities of £20.

"THE SECOND IN COMMAND" REVIVED.

On Saturday week, April 7, "The Second in Command" will be revived at the Waldorf Theatre, Mr. Cyril Maude playing his original part of Major Bingham.

The rest of the cast, except Miss Sybil Carlisle as Muriel Mannerling, will be new, and will include Miss Eille Norwood, Miss Ada Ferrat, and Miss Madge Titheradge.

Rowton Houses continue to prosper in London. At the annual meeting of shareholders yesterday a dividend of 5 per cent. on the ordinary shares was declared.

FAMILY FRIEND'S SCRATCHED FACE.

Hysterical Incident That Broke Up a Household.

FATED TO MEET.

Did Mrs. Florence Price scratch the face of Mr. William Thomas Ridgway? was a question that came before Sir Gorell Barnes and a jury yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Price and Mr. and Mrs. Ridgway all used to live at Hammersmith. Once they were on very friendly terms together—until Mr. Price made Mr. Ridgway a respondent in a divorce case.

Counsel remarked that the fact that a co-respondent's wife had come forward to give evidence on his behalf made the case a remarkable one. Such a thing hardly ever happened.

Mr. Price introduced Mr. Ridgway to Mrs. Price on the opening day of the Earl's Court Exhibition. It was after that fateful meeting that the two



Mr. Price (petitioner).

families became so intimate—that they visited each other on alternate Sundays, and went to the same hotels at the seaside.

According to Mr. Price, this is what happened at the scratching incident.

He found his wife and Mr. Ridgway together, and noticed that the visitor's face bore scratch marks. He asked what was the matter. Mrs. Price, holding up her baby, said: "This is the matter."

He then ordered Mr. Ridgway out of the house. While running out Mr. Ridgway, at Mrs. Price's request, kissed the baby.

Mrs. Price, giving evidence, with much warmth denied that she had inflicted the scratch, or scratches, deliberately. Mr. Ridgway had told her that ladies with babies could not expect to go to dances, and she had been so indignant that she had had a fit of hysteria. Quite unwittingly she might have scratched him.

Mr. Ridgway, when his turn to give evidence came, thought that the scratch had been greatly exaggerated. It was only a very little scratch.



Mr. Ridgway (co-respondent).

When she became hysterical Mrs. Price's arms went round in "windmill" fashion, and when he tried to calm her she just touched his face.

In order to take his wife from the sphere of Mr. Ridgway's influence Mr. Price, so he told the Court, removed his family from Hammersmith to Clapton, the other side of London. When on the top of a Clapton tramcar, however, he noticed his wife walking in the company of Mr. Ridgway.

He mentioned this incident to the co-respondent, and the latter replied:

"Fate has thrown us together. You do not understand what it means."

Describing how, after this tramcar incident, she came to leave her husband, Mrs. Price said that her husband twice told her to do so. He first ordered her to "clear out within two days," and then, when on the next day she asked him whether he really meant it, he replied: "Yes, and the sooner the better."

That was why she went, and had to apply to the Ridgways to take pity on her destitute condition.

The jury found a verdict for Mr. Price, with one farthing damages. A decree nisi was granted.

ACTOR'S DELUSIONS.

Thinks He Is an Ideal Hamlet and Engaged to a Charming Actress.

A strange life drama was revealed at Westminster Police Court yesterday, when a plea of mental weakness was set up on behalf of Frank Forbes Robertson, otherwise Norman, described as an actor, who says he lives in the Isle of Wight, and who stands charged with two thefts—one from the L.B. and S.C.R. Company and another from a personal friend.

It was stated that the young man was no relation of Mr. Forbes Robertson, the famous actor.

The circumstances of the case are somewhat pathetic, and it was announced that the accused had been sympathetically treated by certain leading actors and actresses, including Miss Ellen Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Kendal, Mr. Seymour Hicks, and Miss Edna May.

Several of these celebrities were present to bear testimony to the eccentric behaviour of Robertson, who, it was further alleged, was a victim to melanoma. He was always haunted with the great idea that he was an ideal Hamlet. "His Hamlet is the very finest young Hamlet America has ever seen," ran one of his advertisements, though he had never played the rôle in his life.

Suffering from a delusion that he was engaged to one of our leading actresses, he was sent to America, but his behaviour, and conduct there in "The Catch of the Season," was so extraordinary that Miss Edna May had to send him home to England. On the voyage his demeanour had to be reported to the captain.

It was pointed out that during his boyhood in the Isle of Wight Robertson had torn up and burnt new suits, and was constantly plunging into the sea.

Mr. Horace Smith finally committed Robertson for trial.

MR. FRED HORNER'S "NEGOTIATIONS."

Chairman Refuses To Adjourn Creditors' Meeting Despite Mrs. Horner's Opposition.

Another strong but ineffective effort to persuade the creditors of Mr. F. W. Horner, ex-M.P. for North Lambeth, that "something would turn up" was made at their meeting in the London Bankruptcy Court yesterday.

On behalf of Mrs. Horner an application was made for an adjournment for three months, owing to Mr. Horner's illness and pending "negotiations in connection with a secret matter which would be spoilt by publicity." This mysterious allusion provoked laughter and references to a "castle in Spain" and a "gold mine in Wales" from the creditors.

A resolution for bankruptcy was proposed, but not carried, owing to the heavy proof of Mrs. Horner being used to oppose it.

The chairman, however, refused to adjourn the meeting, and the proceedings then closed for the day.

DEFEATED CANDIDATE'S FAILURE.

Unionist Aspirant to Parliament with Liabilities Over £34,000 and Assets Less Than £2,000.

The creditors of Captain James H. E. Halford, D.S.O., of Montague-square, W., and Elm House, Nantwich, who unsuccessfully contested one of the divisions of Derby in the Unionist cause, met at the London Bankruptcy Court yesterday.

The statement of the debtor's affairs showed liabilities to the amount of £34,276 5s. 3d., of which £21,228 5s. 3d. was returned as unsecured, and estimated assets of £1,031 4s.

According to the Official Receiver's observations, the captain entered the Army in 1894 as a lieutenant in the 7th Hussars. From January, 1900, he held the rank of captain, but early in last year resigned his commission, and he had now an honorary appointment as major in the 2nd Cheshire R.E. (Railway) Volunteers.

Subject to certain conditions a proposal for the payment of a composition equal to 10s. in the £ was agreed to.

MIRROR AS DETECTIVE.

Novel Evidence on Which a Young Man Is Charged with Stealing Neck-Ties.

Novel evidence was given at Bow-street yesterday in support of a charge against Lewis Lewin, of the Mansion Hotel, Richmond, of stealing three ties from Mr. Joseph Faem, of High Holborn.

An assistant said that when Lewin entered the shop he watched the customer through a mirror, and saw him take the ties. When taxed with the offence Lewin offered to pay for the goods.

Lewin, who was given an excellent character, and was said to be earning £400 a year, was committed for trial. Bail was allowed.

Lambeth Board of Guardians has just decided to institute "married quarters" in the workhouse, so that old married couples may not be separated.

A WIFE'S DESPAIR.

Takes Laudanum Because Parted from Millionaire Husband.

THE LAST LETTER.

I earnestly beg of your forgiveness for all the trouble I have caused you. No one can claim me, as I have no family, and no relations, and there are no friends.

See they dispose of me as promptly as possible in the cheapest possible manner. I want to be crept out, and my ashes scattered anywhere, and I beg you to avoid any autopsy and also publicity. Let me escape as quietly as possible.

I trust the money in my purse—£500—will cover expenses, and in a way compensate you for your trouble. Please spend as little as possible on me. I only take a few chocolates to give the contents of my valise to the chamber-maid.

Once more, please forgive me. The name in the register is not my own.

I am an American.

So runs the letter addressed to the hotel manager written by the wife of an American millionaire who poisoned herself in a Pimlico hotel a fortnight ago.

At the inquiry before Mr. Troutbeck at Westminster yesterday she was identified as Mrs. Laura Cushing, the wife of Mr. John P. Cushing, millionaire, of Boston.

Mrs. Cushing arrived at Liffen's Hotel, Pimlico, direct from Paris, and gave her name as Marie Derval. The next day she was found dead in her room, having poisoned herself with laudanum.

An agent of the American Shipping Exchange, Northumberland-avenue, produced two letters from an American lady, Mrs. Laura Cushing. The handwriting of these letters seemed without doubt to be the same as that in the letter left by the deceased lady.

Complained of Shortness of Money.

He saw her last in October of last year, but had forwarded a letter to her, addressed to Vienna, as late as February 28. The last he heard of her was an order to send her letters to care of Cook's, Nice.

The coroner quoted from one letter, written from Paris to the shipping agents, in which Mrs. Cushing wrote:—

"I am coming to London, where I can pawn my rings to advantage."

Mr. Liffen, the hotel proprietor, said that when the lady arrived at his hotel she had no jewellery with her.

Mrs. Gertrude Wood, a fashionably-dressed American lady, gave important evidence. She had not the slightest doubt that the deceased lady was her sister, Mrs. Cushing.

"Was your sister a married woman?" asked Mr. Troutbeck.

"Yes, and her husband was John P. Cushing," answered witness.

Continuing, Mrs. Wood said that Mr. Cushing was a millionaire, his winter home being in Boston. His sister had not lived with her husband for four or five years.

The Coroner: Do you think she was in any financial difficulty? Do you think she had enough to live on?—Well, after being the wife of a millionaire, it is difficult to know what would be sufficient.

A police constable spoke of the purchase of several bottles of laudanum at various shops. On the underclothing that deceased was wearing there was the one laundry mark in red thread:—

E.U.X.—A.O.Z.

The inquiry was adjourned until April 20 for the attendance of Dr. Trevor.

DAMAGED SHUTTER CLUE.

Smart Discovery by a Constable Leads to Arrests After £1,500 Jewellery Robbery.

The circumstances under which burglars entered the shop of a Hampstead-road jeweller and endeavoured to make off with goods valued at £1,500 were explained to Mr. Paul Taylor at the Marylebone Police Court yesterday.

Police-constable Preston, noticing the shop's shutters had been tampered with, sent for assistance, and then he saw a man leave the premises and run away. He was captured and taken back to the shop, where housebreaking implements were found.

Then the police discovered another man crouching behind a box at the end of a staircase, and further investigations revealed a black bag containing jewels.

In connection with the matter Arthur Allen and Albert Hicks were remanded by Mr. Taylor yesterday.

MORE LITIGANTS THAN FORMERLY.

As showing an increased desire for litigation, it is stated that for several years past the hearings at Clerkenwell County Court have averaged about £2,225 per year more than formerly.

JUDGE BACON AND PRETTY WOMEN.

No pretty woman thinks her photograph is as good as it should be.—Judge Bacon at Bloomsbury County Court yesterday.

£200,000 WORTH OF GEMS.

Figures in Precious Stones and Freak Diamonds at the Dore Gallery.

In a single room at the Dore Gallery, where a collection of freak diamonds, "Via Vite," "Christus Vincit," and other valuable works in precious stones and metals are being exhibited, the contents are estimated to be worth no less than £200,000.

The latest addition to the exhibition is a remarkable private collection of freak diamonds, pearls, jewelled watches, and similar ornaments.

Nature has obviously been striving to keep abreast of the times, amongst the uncut diamonds being one which bears a striking likeness to Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, which is increased by the addition of a miniature eye-glass and frock-coat of enamel. Other diamonds bear a marked resemblance to Mr. George Alexander, the late Mr. Gladstone, a C.I.V. warrior, a Chinaman, John Bull, and Ally Sloper.

Various jewels faithfully represent flesh, fish, and fowl of every description, the most noteworthy being an uncut opal, which could not have been more faithfully carved in the image of a cat.

In the centre of the room, on a large revolving table, stands the magnificent allegorical monument "Via Vite," which represents the chief episodes in the life of Christ, and the triumph of Christianity throughout the world.

The precious stones and metals used in its construction are computed to be worth £80,000. Over a ton of solid gold has been used in the figures, and the whole monument weighs between seven and eight tons.

The "Christus Vincit" is also a masterpiece of the goldsmith's art, and contains over £40,000 worth of diamonds, which are of all shades, from the darkest brown to the palest rose.

TEA PENSIONS FOR WIDOWS.

Mr. Justice Warrington Gives an Important and Gratifying Decision in the "Nelson" Case.

Mr. Justice Warrington yesterday heard a summons taken out by the official liquidator of Nelson and Co., Limited, of "Widow Tea Pension" fame, who asked the direction of the Court as to how the claims of the various classes of creditors should be dealt with in the distribution of the assets, which consisted of the £20,000 deposited under the Life Assurance Companies Act.

The Lordship held that the holders of life policies and annuity contracts were entitled to the £20,000 deposit, but were not entitled to go upon the general assets.

ACTION AGAINST TWENTY-TWO PAPERS.

Army Contractors Complain They Have Gone Into Liquidation Through Statements Made.

An echo of the Boer war was heard in the King's Bench Division yesterday, when the libel action of Messrs. Underwood and Sons, hay and forage contractors, against the proprietors of the "Times" and those of twenty-one other newspapers was resumed before Mr. Justice Darling and a special jury.

The action had reference to statements made as to the supply of hay to the Government to feed the Army's horses during the South African war.

This, it was asserted, was not in fit condition, and the plaintiffs allege that by the publication of the statements they had lost £18,000 profit. The company was now in liquidation.

After evidence dealing with the decline of orders had been given the case was adjourned.

CONVICT'S POST-OFFICE.

Warder Confronted with Serious Accusation of Acting as Go-Between for a Felon.

To a certain extent the veil that is drawn over convict life was lifted yesterday in the West London Police Court.

The charge was against Thomas Lomas, warder of Wormwood Scrubs Prison, living at Notting Hill, for conveying two unauthorised letters out of the prison.

The letters were written by a convict named Chapelle, who told the Court yesterday that he obtained paper and pencil from a fellow-prisoner.

The chief evidence was that of Mrs. Chapelle's, who said that Lomas handed her a 10s. postal order, and said that he had intended to take her husband a pound of tobacco and other things, but he would have no more to do with it, as he thought he was being watched.

The case was adjourned.

£100 FINE FOR BETTING.

A fine of £100 was inflicted, at the Guildhall yesterday, on Frank Grant, mortgage and insurance broker, for keeping offices at 7, Union-court, Old Broad-street, for betting purposes.

CHILDREN ROBBED OF SLEEP.

Earlier Bedtime Strongly Favoured
by "Daily Mirror" Readers.

PUBLIC OPINION STIRRED.

Judging from the volume of letters which continues to reach the *Daily Mirror*, the publicity given to the pronouncement of Mr. Fordham, a magistrate of North London, in favour of an early bedtime for children will result in a considerable and much-needed reform.

Parents have been awakened to the dangers to which their mistaken indulgence or carelessness exposes their children.

Here is a selection of the latest letters received:

EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW.

The value of long, sound sleep and regular hours could hardly be more strikingly demonstrated than by the case of my own four children, aged 12, 10, 7, and 6 years.

The most rigid adherence to a definite bed-time—7.30 for the two younger ones and 8.30 for the elder—which ensures for each one ten hours' sleep, and often more, is keeping them all in perfect physical condition.

They are so beautifully healthy and "bonny" that visitors never fail to admire them.

I am convinced that sleep—absolute rest for mind and body—is the best aid to perfect natural development that a child can have.

Chelsea. MATERFAMILIAS.

LESS TALK AND MORE CARE.

If a little less time were spent in shrieking over the declining birthrate, and a little more in striving to bring up our children in a healthy manner, it would be better for the race.

Give the children their fair amount of sleep, and that at the right time—before midnight—and a nation of strong men would take the place of the neurotic weaklings of to-day. C. H.

Pall Mall East.

SCHOOL AND HOME—A CONTRAST.

The wisdom of Mr. Fordham's advice to mothers must appeal to everyone who has had to deal with children.

No more striking example of its truth can be found than in the difference that exists in the health and spirits of a child at the beginning and at the end of a holiday from school.

The children return home after a term's work and regular hours, bright, happy, and energetic, but long before the holidays are over they are changed by late hours and the resultant excitement into dull, listless objects. E. A. C.

West Kensington.

TEN HOURS A MINIMUM.

As a doctor, I emphatically endorse the opinions which the readers of the *Daily Mirror* have already expressed on the important question of the children's bedtime.

No child of ten or under should on any account be permitted—save, perhaps, on some special occasion—to stay up after eight o'clock. I fully agree with "Pater's" condemnation of the pernicious habit of bringing young children down to dessert at a time when they should be sound asleep.

Every child should have at least ten hours' good, health-giving sleep. M.D.

WORKING-CLASS NEGLECT.

Among the working classes in particular this awful neglect of the children's proper bedtimes, and consequently of their health—is increasing.

I have frequently seen small children, whose parents had been spending a Sunday out, and had taken the "kiddies" with them because there was nobody to look after them at home, nodding and swaying in helpless weariness upon the seats of "tube" cars and omnibuses as late as 11 p.m. Bloomsbury.

HUMANITARIAN.

NEW FASHIONS FOR MEN.

Embroidered Velvet Waistcoats, and Hats with the "Anglesey" Curl.

The reproach of being drab and dull in their dress is to be lifted from the masculine part of the population. The "Tailor and Cutter" announces the advent of the velvet waistcoat, and prophesies that the velvet coat will soon follow.

As the "Tailor and Cutter" points out, its durability is undoubted; its richness unequalled; and the perfections of the permanent art shades, rendered possible by the technicalities of modern dyeing, represent a bewildering selection to the fastidious. When the contents of the embroidery are applied enrichment, an ideal improvement in vest fabric is obtained.

The silk hat for 1906 has also been settled. It is one with a 6-inch deep crown, 1½in. brim, and 1½in. "Anglesey" curl, and 1¾in. cloth band, a white consolidated body, and a natural undyed calf leather.

LAST NIGHT'S NEWS ITEMS.

Lord and Lady Cowley (formerly Lady Hartopp) have left, Mombasa for Nice.

Mr. H. G. Wells, the novelist, is a passenger on board the *Carmania* from Liverpool for New York.

Denis McNamee, a Stockport doublet, sentenced to death for murdering his favourite child, has been reprieved.

Mr. Fragson, it is said, will receive a salary of £200 a week during his forthcoming engagement at the Royal Theatre.

The Hon. Rosalinda Butler, Lord Dunboyne's second daughter, has entered a London hospital as probationer for three months.

Nearly 3,000,000 children in 30,000 schools all over the British Empire will take part in the celebration of Empire Day on May 24.

337,000 seals, according to a message from St. John's, Newfoundland, yesterday, formed the "harvest" in the Arctic during the past season.

The German Emperor, it is reported from Berlin, is about to purchase a castle at Georgenborf, on the Rhine, from its owner, Baron von Krauskopf, for £250,000.

Mr. Winston Churchill has announced that unless the next mortality returns show a marked improvement recruiting from British Central Africa for the Transvaal mines must cease.

In order to prevent the marriage of Mrs. Henry B. Cox, a millionaire Philadelphia lady, to an English doctor, her two brothers and son have declared she is of weak intellect, and obtained the control of her estate.

RICHEST HEIRESS IN GREAT BRITAIN.



Lady Mary Hamilton, who is trying to win the Eye election for her fiance, the Marquis of Graham.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie has presented a further £400,000 to the Pittsburg Technical Institute.

For cruelty to four greyhounds a man has just been sent to goal for a month at Cleethorpes.

Corporal V. Batchelor, 2nd Battalion Scots Guards, has been selected for promotion to a commission in the Army.

After thirty years' work, Samuel Cockman, a Ware maltster, has just completed two perfect working model traction engines.

Three steamers collided in Belfast Lough, two of them, bound for Barrow and Liverpool, being compelled to put back for repairs.

At Hucknall, the village in which Byron was buried, a sweep has constructed a house from the stone coach used by the poet at Newstead Abbey.

Over 1,000 inhabitants of Warwick are already hard at work preparing for the elaborate pageant to be held at Warwick Castle on July 12 and following days.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of postal order 2s. 6d. from "K. B.," a donation to the fund for providing an invalid chair for Mr. Wise, of New Cross.

After absence from England for over twenty years Dr. Griffith John, the distinguished China missionary, will leave Hankow on April 24, and may be expected home before the end of June.

Some amounting to about £2350, outstanding in respect of fees which were charged at non-provided schools prior to March 31, 1905, are being written off by the L.C.C. as irrecoverable.

Unless £600 is subscribed by Saturday the First Folio Shakespeare which it is hoped to secure for the Bodleian Library will go to America.

Lord Roberts was the guest of the Liverpool Corporation yesterday, and dined with the chairman afterwards visiting the northern military tournament.

Great alarm, but very little damage, was caused at Mr. Herbert Gladstone's residence, 11, Downing-street, yesterday, through one of the chimneys catching fire.

Three motor-omnibuses have been purchased by the Manchester Tramway Committee for experimental purposes, with a view to a large number being shortly placed on the streets.

At Greenwich yesterday a summons by the London County Council against a firm of builders for using mortar not of proper proportions of lime and sand was dismissed with fifty guineas costs.

Miss Ellen Terry, it is reported, has expressed the wish that the money subscribed to her jubilee presentation shall be given to form the nucleus of a fund for the establishment of a national theatre.

In order to prevent the marriage of Mrs. Henry B. Cox, a millionaire Philadelphia lady, to an English doctor, her two brothers and son have declared she is of weak intellect, and obtained the control of her estate.

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DRAINING OUR LIFE-BLOOD.

THE conference of the Independent Labour Party (to be held next month) will be watched with unusual interest this year. The aims of the Party, hitherto regarded as fads, have since the General Election become practical politics.

One of the resolutions to be proposed deals with the emigration tendency which has been a feature of the last few years. The great idea now is to get as many British-born people as possible out of the country; to pay their fares to Canada, or anywhere, and get rid of them.

What the I.L.P. will be asked to do is to protest against "the attempts being made by various charity organisations to transport the Unemployed." It will be pointed out that a constant drain of our best workers must injure this country. It will be suggested that we ought to colonise England first.

There is much truth in this view. It is bad for a country to lose its most promising young men, and naturally it is not the failures which Canada wants. Already the Canadian papers are beginning to grumble about the quality of the arrivals not being up to sample.

They do not like to have parties of emigrants getting drunk in a body directly they land, as happened the other day.

General Booth has stated most definitely that he only sends out the "sober, honest, and industrious," but other agencies are evidently less careful. It is quite natural the Canadians should want to get only the kind of men who will do credit to Canada. But surely these are just the men we want to keep at home!

If the Unemployed are sifted out, and all the "sober, honest, and industrious" sent away, it stands to reason that the remnant which stays here is of very poor quality.

Unless we start colonising England soon, all our promising colonists will have gone overseas, not because they wanted to, but because they had to. We shall be supporting the incurables with rates at 20s. in the pound.

H. F. F.

BERNHARDT v. THE "TRUST."

Many hard words have been spoken against our actor-managers. They are accused of wanting to make money, taking all the lime-light, having plays written to suit their personalities, giving way to the desire of their wives, or their daughters, to appear in "star" parts.

Compared with managers, who are not actors, but simply business men, they shine, however, with effulgent virtue. They have at any rate never compelled one of the world's greatest actresses to act in a circus tent.

That is what the American Theatre Trust are compelling Mme. Sarah Bernhardt to do in the Southern States. As they could not "run" her on their own terms, they refused to "run" her at all. All the theatres they control were closed to her. Other theatres were afraid to accommodate her for fear of the Trust.

To the Trust bosses Art is less than nothing. What is it to them that Mme. Bernhardt is world-famous and that people want to see her? All they care about is their share of the gate-money. She refused to bow before them. Their edict was issued: "Squeeze her out."

The process proved more difficult than they anticipated. Indeed, it may be said now that their attempt has ignominiously failed. Mme. Bernhardt's tent attracts enormous audiences. According to a New York correspondent, even the patient American people, so willing to be fooled and stampeded on in the sacred cause of Grab, are beginning "rather to resent" the action of the Trust.

E. B.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Acts and habits are of more moment than creeds and faith.—W. Stainton Moses.

THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

DR. ANDREW WILSON, who is so well known as a lecturer on medical subjects, has been explaining the phenomenon of "double consciousness" to one of his audiences, and it is disconcerting to learn from his remarks that the parts of a man's brain may get shifted and make him act in a muddled manner until they get back to their right places again. I am afraid this might be used as an additional excuse by kleptomaniacs and others of the tribe that are supposed to be irresponsible in their evil-doing.

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Dr. Wilson sometimes illustrates his lectures in a very practical manner. He has often, for instance, like all public speakers, been irritated by the coughing born of inattention in the audience. One night, speaking of reflex action, he remarked that the convulsive cough which drives some people out of the throat, is sometimes an instance of reflex action overruling will. And he added: "But not always. When that convulsive cough, unfortunately illustrated so thoroughly in my audience

the later years of his life, to see him being wheeled through the famous auction rooms in a bath-chair, still so keenly interested in the things to be seen and done there.

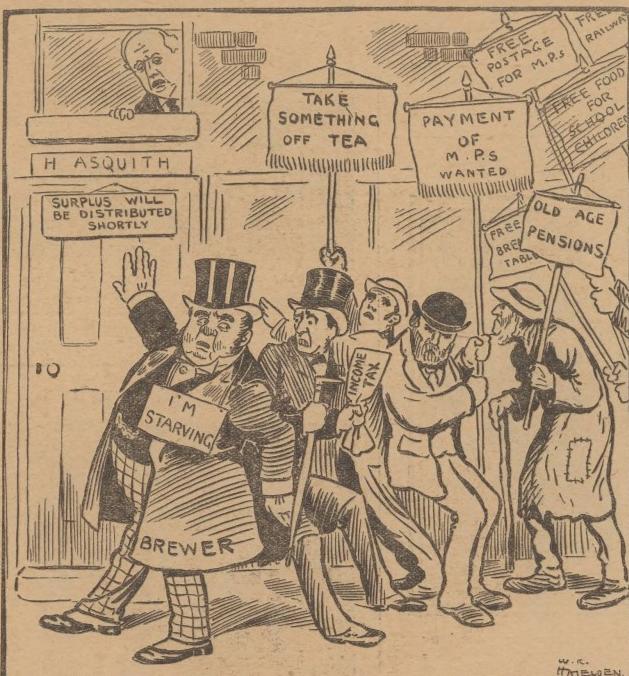
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The news of Eugène Carrière's death has come from Paris. He was one of the most original painters of a period when painting strove, above all, after originality. No doubt his work had the defect of monotony, and many people grew to have more than enough of those cloudy pictures, in which the pale, etherealised faces have such a wistful look. But, in spite of that there was about all his work an infinitely touching poetry which affected one like the music of that impossible lotus-land and was softer, indeed, than "tired eyelids upon tired eyes."

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Carrière gained his greatest popularity, no doubt, by his portraits. There is the dreaming Socratic head of Verlaine; Edmond de Goncourt in his nuptial refinement; many others. One feels inclined to call him the painter of the soul. He aimed at catching the remote intelligence, the very occasional glimmer of the spirit, which flits across even

WHAT WILL HE DO WITH IT?



The financial year ends on Saturday and it looks as if Mr. Asquith would have a surplus of about six millions to apply to relief of taxation. The payors of income-tax, tea duty, and beer duty are all hoping for abatements, while the advocates of old age pensions, payment of M.P.s, and other reforms are also putting in their claims.

tonight, requires to be checked, that can be done by the overruling influence of will." Immediately an end of coughing in the audience.

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An extraordinary thing about Dr. Wilson has always been his youthful appearance. It has sometimes actually stood in his way. Thus, when he was young and poor, and wanted to get a position as lecturer in a school in Edinburgh, the head-mistress looked at him and said: "But you are so young. Some of the girls look as old as you are. Could you not do something to give yourself a more elderly aspect? Spectacles, eh? Or side-whiskers?" And, much later in life, he once had a difficulty in gaining admission to the hall where he was to speak. "Hall's full," said the man at the door. "But I am the lecturer." "You!" was the retort. "Go on wi' yer. You ain't long left school!"

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In yesterday's "Times" was announced the death of Mr. Thomas Hoade Woods, of Durrants, Croxley Green. Few people, reading the announcement, would connect Mr. Woods's name with the famous firm of Christie, Manson, and Woods; yet he was one of those who helped to build up the business of the firm. He possessed many valuable pictures; letters, too, from all sorts of well-known people with whom he had had professional dealings. Though once a familiar figure in London, Mr. Woods had been more or less an invalid for some time, and it was pathetic during

the most worldly faces. And Goncourt says curiously enough, that as Carrière stood at the easel painting him, he would seem to pump his intimate self out of him, would seem to be aiming at something beyond the mask of physiognomy, at secrets only half known, perhaps, to him who held them in him.

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He went through the usual struggles and distress in the work of making his way. He had a large family, and used laughingly to say, apropos of the legislative efforts made in France to check the sinking of the population, that, when he walked in the streets, people used to turn round and laugh as they counted his row of little children trotting along beside him. Some months ago I told one of the stories of his poverty—how, when he came to London, he had only enough money to live out by Streatham; how he was invited to dine with an influential person in the West End; how, to save his dress clothes, on that wet night, he had to spend all he had left on his train fare up to town; and how, in consequence, he had to walk all the way home after the luxurious dinner, to arrive at his lonely room just as dawn was coming over the city.

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The appointment of Sir Frederick William Stopford to the post of Director of Military Training at Headquarters, which was first announced a good many months ago, has now been officially confirmed. Sir Frederick is the younger son of the fourth Earl of Courtown. I am not at all surprised

THROUGH THE "MIRROR."

"LOVE OF WORK."

True, "Old Will" sets a very good example of contentedness, but in my opinion, since this stroke of good fortune has befallen him, he ought to retire from omnibus-driving and create a vacancy for someone who is less fortunate than himself to fill.

Because it is no longer necessary for him to work for his living it does not signify that he should remain idle for the rest of his days.

If he is so fond of driving surely he could invest in a horse and trap of his own, and take his wife and family or friends for drives.

Leatherhead.

CLARENDON.

I read with much surprise the article by "H. H. F." on the omnibus-driver who has got £3,600 and means to go on driving. To my simple mind a man who becomes possessed of sufficient wealth to keep him the rest of his days without work, and who continues to work, has the nature of those animals that "ran down a steep place into the sea."

Where is the chivalry, when hundreds are starving through lack of employment, for a man to keep on working because he loves work? Bosh! The greed of gold has become a disease that threatens the well-being of the community.

I know plenty of instances of men who have one living putting it for another, and as a rule they get it, while their poorer brothers starve. I think the man's employers should request his resignation, in order to make room for someone who wants to live to live.

J. SWALE.

Alfred Cottage, Westcliff.

A CITY MAN'S COMPLAINT.

No doubt thousands of your readers are aware of the annoyance to foot passengers caused by the line of carriers' vans at the end of King William-street, opposite the Monument Station. The crossing here is continuously used by people proceeding to London Bridge.

At the best of times this crossing is dangerous, owing to the large vehicular traffic. It is rendered doubly dangerous by these carts, which are drawn up with just sufficient interval between to enable the vans to be loaded.

When crossing here it is not an unusual occurrence to either receive a dig from a parcel or crate with which the vans are being loaded, or to wipe your coat on the too often muddy wheels. It is a wonder there are not more accidents owing to these carts preventing foot passengers observing the approaching traffic whilst crossing.

Could not this state of affairs be remedied by these carts being loaded at a spot where less inconvenience and annoyance would be caused?

AGGRIEVED FOOT PASSENGER.

DOUBLE THE TAX ON DOGS.

I for one would willingly pay a double tax for my dogs if we could get a tax put on people who are always ready to condemn the pleasures of other people, simply because they see nothing in it themselves.

E. PATMORE.

Denham, Bucks.

One can see by H. A. Sherburn's letter that he does not own a dog, or I am positive he would not write as he does.

He suggests that by doubling the tax there would be fewer dogs, and consequently less rabies; but I beg to point out to him that this would only result in there being far more stray dogs, and consequently more rabies, as these are far more likely to develop rabies than dogs with a master.

Even now, with the 7s. 6d. tax, many people turn their dogs out to starve when the tax becomes due.

DOG-OWNER.

Streatham Hill.

THE ALDWYCH SITE.

May I be allowed to plead very earnestly, if not too late, for an interest by those responsible for the design of the proposed buildings of the French Syndicate here?

We learn that the style is to be that of the French Renaissance, or, in other words, as has been already so truly stated, a French imitation of the Italian imitation of the architectural forms of ancient Rome and Athens.

Could anything be more absolutely deplorable or distressing for so magnificent a site, which now presents itself for a splendid display of the finest English architecture, an opportunity which has not occurred to so large an area and historical a centre in London for over two centuries?

12, Haymarket, W.

WALTER STEPHENS.

IN MY GARDEN.

MARCH 28.—No garden is complete without a rockery. It is interesting every week of the year. It is never flowerless.

To-day, in spite of recent wild weather, the white and purple rockresses are studded with flowers. The Alpine heath and purple rockfoil are brilliant pictures. And what cheerful green carpets the sedums, saxifrages, veronicas, saponarias have made all through the winter! Soon all these plants will be gay with blossom, for May is the best time for a rock-garden.

With August will come the campanulas, when streams of blue and white will flow between the craggy rocks; and when they are gone cyclamens will greet us until spring comes again. E. F. T.

CAMERAGRAPH

CHURCH CRYPT TO LET.



So depleted are the revenues of the historical church of St. George the Martyr, Southwark, where the curfew bell is still rung every night, that the crypt has been cleared of coffins, and is to let for beer or wine storage.

Dickens lovers will remember this as Little Dorrit's church.

SKATING ON AN HOTEL ROOF.



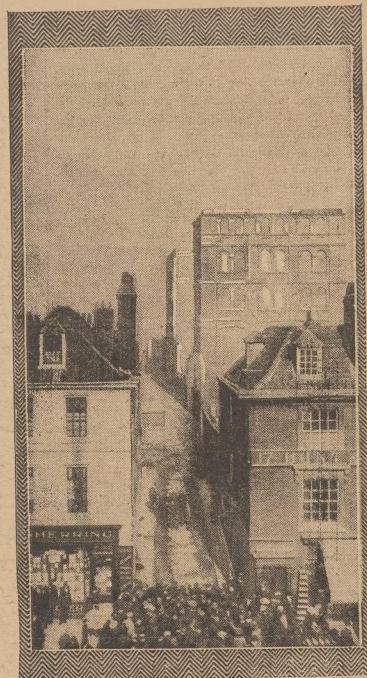
Use has been found for the flat roofs of the big American hotels in winter time. At the Bellevue Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia, the roof, 310ft. above the street level, is flooded and used as a skating-rink.

No. 44.—AMATEURS' COMPETITION.



Amateur photographers are invited to send interesting news photographs to the *Daily Mirror*. For each one used 10s. 6d. will be paid, and every week a £2 2s. prize will be awarded to the sender of the picture adjudged by the Editor to be the best. No. 44, sent by Mr. F. R. Gandy, Shotley Barracks, Suffolk, shows boys at the model of a battleship's bow being taught how to "cat the anchor."

FATAL FIRE AT A
BRISTOL BOOT FACTORY.



One fireman lost his life and £70,000 damage was caused by the fire at Messrs. Derham Brothers' boot factory at St. James's-street, Bristol, the skeleton walls of which are seen in the photograph.

BUYING CIGARETTES.



Ladies are frequent customers at the kiosk at St. Pancras Station for cigarettes, but they usually buy chocolates as well.

JAPANESE
TOWER



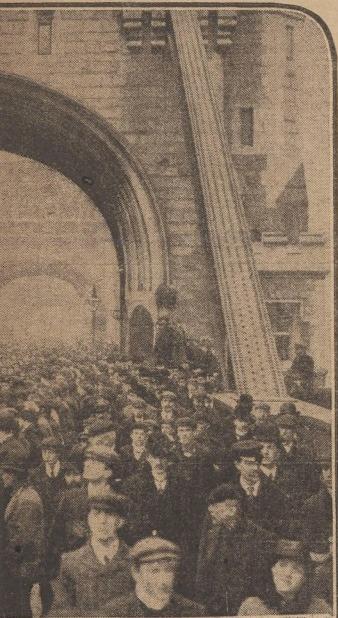
Yesterday, the last day in London of the six hundred Jap two battleships, was spent at the Tower of London and Tower Bridge as the men marched to London Bridge S the gates of the ancient Tower of London, where they buildings related to them by

TRAINING NAVAL SUB-LIEU



At Whale Island, a busy naval exercise ground, recl lieutenants get their training in gunnery. In the pic

ATORS VISIT THE LONDON.



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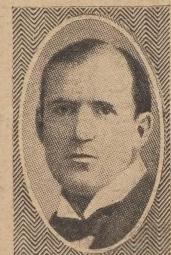


In the mud of Portsmouth Harbour, naval sub-
party of officers are "doubling" a field-gun up

ENGLISH AND AMERICAN GIBSON GIRLS.



Miss Edna Goodrich, who will appear with Mr. Nat Goodwin in America in the "Beauty and the Model," a piece in which there are two leading ladies. Miss Goodrich is regarded as a typical American Gibson Girl, while Miss Alexandra Carlisle, who plays with her, is an English Gibson Girl.



Mr. C. Dana Gibson, the artist who created the Gibson Girl type.



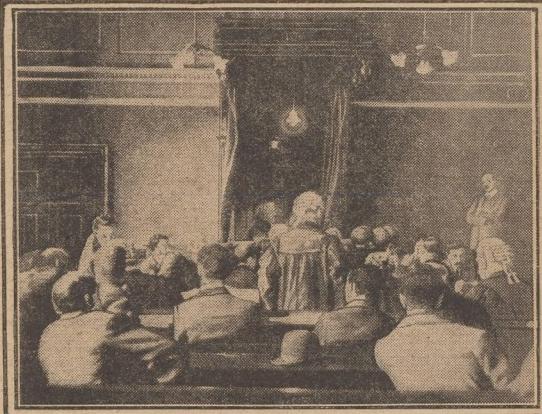
Sketch of the Gibson Girl as drawn by Mr. C. Dana Gibson.



Miss Alexandra Carlisle, who will appear as an English Gibson Girl, with Mr. Nat Goodwin, in the "Beauty and the Model." There will be an interesting contest between Miss Carlisle and Miss Goodrich as to whom will be awarded the palm of beauty by the New York public.

NEWS VIEWS

FOOTBALLS IN CHANCERY.



In the Chancery Court of Lancashire the case of Sugg v. Zugg, now being heard at Liverpool, is for an injunction concerning the sale of footballs. The Judge's desk has an unusual appearance, with footballs covering every spare space.

CANVASSING FOR THE EYE ELECTION.



The Countess of Stradbroke (standing in front), a devoted friend of Lady Mary Hamilton, has, during Lady Mary's absence through a cold, taken over the work of principal canvasser for the Marquis of Graham in the Eye election.

MAKING ROSETTES FOR LORD GRAHAM.



At Saxmundham the townspeople are taking an astonishing interest in the election, and nearly every person is wearing the blue rosette of the Marquis of Graham. The photograph shows girls in a shop making the rosettes.

By Right of Love.

By ALICE and CLAUDE ASKEW.

CHAPTER XXXVI.

"Lady Susan and Mr. Paul Chester!"

Chester smiled a little to himself as he heard his name reiterated up the wide staircase of Berkshire House. That great town mansion which belonged to the Berkshires and stood in old-world grounds of its own in the neighbourhood of Holland Park.

It was a fine old Georgian mansion, and in some ways a historical house, for famous men and women had lived there, and dead monarchs had honoured Berkshire House with their presence.

Chester thought of all this as he followed his wife up the wide marble staircase, and his heart swelled with pardonable pride; for it was not as an outsider but as a welcome—nay, an honoured—guest that he was attending the Duchess of Berkshire's big reception that evening. And he knew that people were looking at him, talking of him. He was beginning to mean something to his world. The Press wrote of him as a politician with a future in front. He was being paragraphed and talked about. He was no longer a mere rich man.

His political campaign at Hartingdon had been one long and splendid triumph, and the town had enthusiastically elected him as their member. The Radical candidate had been nowhere—absolutely extinguished, poor man, by his younger and more brilliant rival.

Backed up by the great Tory leader—the coming Premier—beautiful Henrietta smiling on the platform by his side, and with a knot of clever and distinguished politicians behind—Chester had made his first speech—and it was a great speech, too; there was no doubt of that.

He had held himself in at first, but that was until he grew in touch with his audience, and felt he could shake and stir them as he wished. Then—but not till then—had he unloosed his splendid voice, the voice which rang like a trumpet-peal through the great hall, and in a blazing torrent of eloquent words he had enthralled and subjugated his listeners.

They had applauded him to the echo, men and women alike, at the finish of his speech. But what Chester remembered better than anything else was the way in which Henrietta's eyes had shone through a film of tears as she leaned forward and whispered her congratulations.

"Why, Paul, you are great—greater even than I thought," so she murmured in honey sweet tones, and then the Duke had come forward to clasp Chester's hand and congratulate in his turn, and his example was followed by others, and Chester for a few moments was the centre of an excited group.

He was not so much surprised after all, and certainly not the least intoxicated by his sudden success, for he had always told himself that he was going to be successful. It was the promise his youth had held out to his manhood. He had sworn that the world should listen to his voice, even whilst he roamed disconsolately amongst the fruit trees in Florida, sick to death of the warm perfume of oranges and limes. He had known all along that he was going to be a great man—the knowledge had burnt itself upon his brain, his heart. Only he had not thought in his wildest, maddest moments that success would come so soon.

He had taken his place very quietly in the House, and for months—the season of the year was now early May—he had not even opened his lips beyond asking one or two trivial questions. He had been advised in this by the Duke, and Chester obeyed his chief implicitly. But he had spoken a good deal at various Tory meetings, for a general election was imminent, and good speakers now had their chance. Even quite unknown men were being pushed rapidly forward, and Chester, with his powerful backers, was recognised everywhere as one of the most powerful champions of his party—a knight who wore a woman's favour on his helmet—that silken trophy, Henrietta's glove.

Chester had taken a house in Sloane-street, and intended to stay in London as long as Parliament sat, and Susan had accompanied him to town.

Neither husband nor wife had made any reference to the scene which had passed between them on Boxing-day, both had been scrupulous to avoid discussing the subject, but Chester could not forget what Flora had said to him in the study after Susan had left the room. How she had hinted that her sister still loved Lord Robert. As for the lurch-back girl's wild confession of affection for himself, he had brushed it from his mind disdainfully. He wanted no platonic relations with Lady Flora. There was only one woman in the world whom he recognised as a kindred soul, and that was the woman whose reception he was attending to-night.

He had had some difficulty in persuading Susan to come with him, and he had only done so because he thought the world might consider his wife was bent on slighting Henrietta if she did not appear at the latter's reception. So he had been blankly indifferent when Susan pleaded a headache, and he had insisted that she should accompany him.

Milly, too, who was staying with her sister and brother-in-law for the season, had added her persuasions to Paul's.

"You must turn up, Susan, you really must," she exclaimed. "All the world and his wife will be there—all the Tory Party. And people will only talk if you stay away, and pretend that you are a horrid Radical, or something. And that wouldn't do, would it?"

Susan smiled her lips a little.

"Politics bore me," she said, slowly. Then shot a keen glance at her husband. She wondered if her speech would make him remember what he had said to her in the study at Ampthlett Court, but his manner was blank and unresponsive.

Perhaps he had forgotten that he had told Susan that she could go her way, whilst he went his—or else he found it convenient to forget his rash words on occasions like these.

Henrietta stood at the head of the staircase receiving her guests, and the wonderful old house made a fitting background for her marvelous loveliness.

Well over thirty, she ought to have been out-shone by the younger women who trooped up the stairs—but she wasn't. He supposed that Cleopatra must have had the same curious charm and fatal fascination. He thought of all the wonderful women of the past. The women of many lovers, who had brought ruin and desolation upon their lands and yet had thronged it royalty to the end. Whose death had been lamented by minstrels and poets, whose beauty immortalised by sculptors and painters.

She was all in purple and mauve. Deep splendid velvet and soft gleaming satin, and her jewels were gorgeous. Low down on her forehead she wore a circlet of diamonds with great spear-pointed amethysts set between, and the mauve of the amethysts against the flaming bronze of her hair was marvellous.

Pearls fell from her neck in soft beads of whiteness to her knees. Amethysts and diamonds almost covered the low-cut bodice, but her beautiful arms were bare of bracelets, and she played with a long, sweeping ostrich-feathers fan. The plumes were tinted to match her dress.

Susan shivered a little as she caught sight of her triumphant rival, and it suddenly struck her how slim and fragile she must look by the side of the other. She wished she had worn such a regal frock as Henrietta was wearing, and not trusted to the soft effect of white lace on chiffon.

She caught sight of her own reflection in the glass, and thought how pale she looked, how delicate. Her cheeks didn't glow, she hadn't Henrietta's warm, lovely mouth. She envied the Duchess her breast and brow, her amber eyes, and her childlike laugh.

Henrietta smiled as she pressed Susan's hand. Perhaps she felt that the other stood in the position of a pale captive attached to a conqueror's triumphal car, or else she was honestly glad that Chester's wife was attending her reception.

For not yet—not must—the world gossip about her and Chester—not till she had flung the old life behind.

Susan passed on, after murmuring half inarticulate words to her hostess, and Chester followed in his wife's train, but his eyes had feasted themselves on Henrietta's flushed face as their hands touched, and he knew that before the evening was over she would find some opportunity to talk to him—he would only have to wait his time.

He found plenty of friends when he entered the great drawing-room, men and women honestly anxious to talk to him—folk of the world's political.

But Susan was left somewhat in the cold. She sat down in a big fauteuil chair, and gazed listlessly about her, admiring in a dull sort of way the beautiful wood panelling of the wide drawing-room, the richly-embazoned ceiling, a wonderful Titan which glowed over the masterpiece—a picture at which the artist was at his best.

"How do you do, Lady Susan?"

Susan started a little as Rupert Temple's voice fell on her ear, then smiled with evident pleasure. She was honestly glad to see Rupert again. He was the only person in the great crowded room whom she could honestly consider a friend, for everyone else were merely indifferent acquaintances. Susan, people who knew really nothing of her nor of her secret sorrows, but regarded her as the somewhat insipid wife of an extremely brilliant man.

"How tired you look," murmured Rupert. "It was the first time he had seen Lady Susan since his last visit to Ampthlett Court, for though he had called at the house in Sloane-street Susan had been out."

"I feel tired," she answered, gazing up at him rather pathetically.

He noticed with a pang of pity the purple shadows under her eyes.

"Are things no better?" he murmured, sinking into a seat by her side. "I had hoped they would be now."

"No," murmured Susan. "I tried to get more into Paul's life, as you advised, but he didn't want me. He thrust me into the outside circle, and I don't wonder. For I suppose a man can only care for one woman at the same time, and now look—look—"

Rupert followed the direction of her eyes, and flushed a deep red.

Henrietta and Chester were making leisurely progress through the great drawing-room, apparently wrapped in an animated conversation.

They passed quite close to Lady Susan and the man who sat by her side, but were seemingly oblivious of the pair. They were evidently making their way towards a window which opened out onto a balcony, for Susan heard the Duchess say as she passed:

"It will be delicious to get a breath of cool air for a moment—to stand still and watch the stars."

"Yes," returned Chester, "perfect—"

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RAND UNCERTAINTIES.

CAPEL COURT, Wednesday Evening.—There was a better tendency to-day so far as some of the gilt-edged stocks were concerned, for Consols showed a disposition to improve. The market was helped by the fact that money is expected to be considerably cheaper shortly. Low loan rates, of course, are held to encourage Stock Exchange speculation, and so improve business; but as a rule it is not much use looking for speculation if there is no investment business to speak of. Certainly, as regards the latter, business was never slacker. Consols to-day touched 90 9-16.

As regards other influences than money, the probability of a final settlement of the Morocco dispute in the next day or two, now that the Powers have practically come to terms, could not be reckoned upon as of much account. The markets seemed to be too sick and despairing to worry about such trifles. They were pointing out how short was the current settlement, and grumbling that the next carry-over day is too near.

HOME RAIL PROSPECTS.

Perhaps Home Rails were just a little better, but nobody could find out any business. Yet the traffics were satisfactory, and indicate that things are decidedly on the mend for the railways. Dividend prospects are already beginning to look very bright, and we are not yet quite half-way through the first half-year. The Scottish stocks were ex-dividend.

In American Rails London business is nowadays of very small volume, but to-day the Street market held after official hours had the pleasure of seeing a decidedly strong and somewhat active market. There was a rumour put about that the coal strike question was not likely to be pushed to extremes.

GRAND TRUNK DISAPPOINTMENT.

Gamblers in Grand Trunks have for a long time past been making a good deal of the difference it would make to the company when the heavy appropriations for bridge renewals ceased. They have ceased, and now the directors say that they want to make heavy appropriations for renewals of rolling-stock. So that Grand Trunk's junior proprietors are not to get the benefit after all. It will be interesting to see what the invertebrate wire-pullers of the Sunday papers have to say in the matter.

On the whole the Foreign Railway traffics this week were fairly satisfactory, but the market has had an eye-opener in the increase in working expenses in Argentina, and does not like it. To-day's Argentine Great Western dividend is at the same level as a year ago. There was one good point in the Foreign Railway market, and that was that the United of Havana is distributing £12 in connection with the rights to holders.

NO BUSINESS IN KAFFIRS.

Copper is an excited market. People seem afraid to sell, and the market is very feverish. Consequently the tendency of the metal is very hard, but, after the recent firmness, and in spite of the good Anaconda dividends, copper shares were not quite so conspicuous to-day. It was curious to note what little effect the better Morocco news had on the foreign market. If there was a feature to-day in that section, it was probably the strength of Japanese descriptions. Perhaps the visit of the Japanese sailors had something to do with it. Some terms of the new Chilean loan are announced. It is a loan for £3,700,000 in 4½ per cents.

Kaffirs were rather a heavy market, there being no business. If there was any hope that Paris would buy on the Morocco news it was soon disappointed. The first echo of the uncertainties about the labour on the Rand is forthcoming in a South Rose Deep circular announcing curtailed working.

LESS POPULOUS LONDON.

Declining Boroughs and Positively Alarming Birth-rate Statistics.

While London's population continues to increase, certain districts, according to the "Statistical Abstract," published yesterday, are becoming less populous than formerly.

In 1901 there were 4,536,429 persons in London County as against 4,228,317 in 1891. But in the following borough districts the figures show decreases:—

	1891.	1901.
City of London	37,702	26,923
Bermondsey	136,014	130,760
Finsbury	104,163	101,463
Holborn	66,781	59,405
Marylebone	142,467	133,301
Shoreditch	124,533	118,637
Westminster	201,369	183,011

It will be seen that it is the City and the ring of boroughs immediately surrounding it that is being forsaken as a residential area.

How steadily the birth-rate declines is shown by the figures per 1,000, which give a rate of 27.9 in 1903 as against 29.9 in 1902.

Of the whole population of London in 1904 16 per cent. are described as "overcrowded."

ORIGINAL AND INTERESTING FRENCH LESSONS.

Arranged by the "Evening News," Professor Bizeray (whose portrait is inset) is giving a course of lessons in French at the Memorial Hall, Farringdon-street. Over a thousand persons attended these lectures in two days.

INCREASE OF CRIME.

Monmouthshire Heads the List of Counties in Evil-Doing.

BIGAMY MORE POPULAR.

The fond and general belief that crime is decreasing is rudely dispelled by a Blue-book of judicial statistics for England and Wales issued yesterday.

Since 1899, which came at the end of a series of years of decreasing criminality, the number of convictions has steadily grown, until in 1904 there were 665,379, as against 600,300 in 1903.

In one way it is satisfactory to note that this enormous increase was entirely made up of offences against property, crimes against the person actually decreasing from 2,763 to 2,525.

But a feature of the crimes "against the person" is a startling increase under one head—that of bigamy, for which the figure was 138, the average for the previous five years being only 112.

Proof that the police are improving their supervision of habitual criminals is provided in the figures, which show that offences by this class of criminal are not increasing at the same rapid rate as formerly.

MORE BURGLARIES, FEWER THEFTS.

Of burglaries and housebreakings there were 2,942 in 1904, as against 2,863 in 1903; an increase of only 79, as against increases of 313 and 45 in the two previous years.

It is curious that thefts from the person continue to decrease in number, the figures for 1904 being 2,164. In 1893 there were no fewer than 3,993 of these offences.

Glamorgan and Monmouth still occupy the enviable position of being the most criminal counties. The following table shows the six worst counties contrasted with the six best:—

	ANNUAL AVERAGE, 1900-1904.
	Prop. per. Prop. per.
Most Criminal.	100,000.
Monmouthshire	228
Cardigan	73
Anglesey	83
Westmorland	90
Pembroke	91
Merioneth	93
Least Criminal.	100,000.
Cornwall	228
Devon	228
Wiltshire	228
Gloucester	228
North Riding of Yorks	229
Lincoln	219
Durham	219

But Cornwall, in spite of its good position in the list, is not seen in so favourable a light when crimes against morals, are taken separately.

In 1904 there were 36,269 coroners' inquests. Of these

2,357 resulted in open verdicts, 4,888 in verdicts of criminal violence and culpable neglect, and 3,327 were suicides.

There were 153 fewer suicides in 1904 than in 1903, a check thus being given to the continuous increase of recent years.

Of the total number of convictions for the year 1904 were of persons under the age of 12 years, 1,192 between the ages of 12 and 16, and 13,876 above the age of 60.

FACTS CONCERNING BRAIN EXHAUSTION.

There are many sufferers from this trouble in these days of strain, stress, hurry, and effort. The brain becomes tired-out and wearied as a result of the strain that is put upon it, and as a consequence sustained mental effort becomes almost impossible, and satisfactory work is out of the question. The consciousness that this is so increases the evil and makes it still more difficult to continue one's profession. Teachers, composers, journalists, preachers, students, business men, typists, and others all have at times personal experience of this painful condition. Work has to be done, a temporary cessation of activity is impracticable, and there is consequently a tendency to take any so-called nerve tonic or stimulant that promises to afford relief and give power to do a little more work. As a result some general tonic is used, which is incapable of rebuilding the exhausted nerves or brain, and if stimulants are taken they are positively injurious and lead sooner or later to nervous breakdown or collapse.

THE STRAIN OF BUSINESS.

There is no room in modern business life for the indolent, dull-brained, or sleepy. Work has to be done at high pressure, and in a live office nowadays everyone, from office boy to principal, has to move quickly, or be left behind in the race. Hence there are cases of nervous breakdown in every department, and more especially amongst those who have to think, plan, and arrange, and upon whose brain there is a perpetual strain. In cases of brain exhaustion, what is it that is really wrong? Brain exhaustion results from the fact that the delicate nerve and brain tissue is worn away, and needs to be replaced by new matter. Further, it is necessary to give some help to the brain and nerves to produce fresh brain and nerve tissue. All that is here indicated as necessary is done by Bishop's Tonics. They both rebuild the old, worn-out nerve and brain tissue, and at the same time they foster the growth of new brain and nerve tissue. Hence it is that Bishop's Tonics treatment works such wonders in brain and nerve exhaustion.

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LOST HIS LEG TO SAVE A PONY.

Henry Sawyer, a miner, of Ryhill, Yorks, who lost his leg while rescuing his pony from certain death. He has been presented by the Lady Malcolm of Pottaloch with a watch.

"ENGLAND'S DAY."

St. George's Society's Valiant Efforts To Ensure an Adequate Celebration.

With the approach of St. George's Day—April 23—the Royal Society of St. George is stirring up patriotic Englishmen to celebrate "England's Day" in an adequate way.

Fortunately the task of the society becomes easier every year, as the annual report and year-book, just issued, shows in a gratifying manner. The fact that Shakespeare's birthday anniversary falls on the same day does not a little to stir interest in the celebrations, Mr. F. C. Benson's announcement that he will conduct a three weeks' Shakespearean revival at Stratford-on-Avon proving most useful in this connection.

There is one pessimistic note in the report—"India still, we regret, we see, remains the black spot," it is stated. "Whether it be that a long residence in the land of sun dries up and deadens the sentiment of race we cannot say; but there is, at present, little indication of any outward manifestation of love or reverence for their Island Home."

The vigilant society notes with disquietude that Englishmen (and Irishmen) are "practically excluded" from the new Ministry.

"As Englishmen and Imperialists," it is remarked, "we cannot regard the exclusion from office of our countrymen with equanimity; nor contemplate without serious misgivings its ultimate effect upon the well-being of the Empire."

"We cannot preserve our purely English characteristics, traditions, and customs when strangers are thrust upon us who share our sentiments imperfectly and have different local institutions. A Scotch Premiership would seem ever to be associated with some national calamity."

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MILLINERY AND MODES.

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The French milliners have seized upon the Empire modes, and have evolved many amazing modifications of old Empire headgear, picturesque indeed, but decidedly odd. Hats that have silk or satin covered crowns and straw brims are among the Empire inspirations, and there are even genuine Empire turbans, modified, but quite recognisable as to their source.

One of these seen lately was carried out in lace that sparkled with silver discs. A cluster of white ostrich feathers ornamented the right side, and

lie flat upon the shoulders of the motor-wrap like a hood.

There is quite a furore for grey and white costumes this spring, and each day displays something novel in this direction, with perhaps tiny touches of cerise, almond green, or apricot to give individuality to the scheme. An exceedingly pretty example of the idea is a suit of broken white and grey check, with a tiny thread of cerise showing at intervals, cleverly combined with black moiré and a very little cerise taffetas almost hidden under Cluny lace. To wear with the dress is a grey and black speckled straw turban bunched with cherries and green velvet ribbon.

Greys, from elephant and smoke to pearl, are numerous in silks, as well as fine cloths, tweeds, and cashmeres. Many dainty, springlike greens are well to the fore under various names, such as willow, almond, and—more distastefully—frogs.

The red pinks shading through pale coral to the deeper ibis, cerise, all the mauve and violet dyes, beige, biscuit, and soft brown colourings, and a great variety of blues, from navy and royal to Wedgewood, pastel, and turquoise, are to be taken into account.

Empire green plays some part in connection with the Empire modes, and there are among the French models delightful little coats of supple taffetas in Empire green, associated with fine white lingerie robes made upon Empire or Directoire



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The Marie Antoinette fichu effect is seen upon many of the spring dresses, and on the left is shown one of them. It takes the form of Persian embroidery in greys, blues, and greens, executed upon real chamois leather, and posed upon a gown of the finest cashmere, the colour of chamois leather. Another little dress is sketched immediately above, made of leaf green cloth, with Watteau silk embroideries upon the vest, shoulder, collar, and cuffs.

two scarf ends of the lace, fringed with silver, were knotted at the left side and fell down over the shoulder.

There are curious feathers being used, among them undyed natural tail ones, and limp, drooping, uncurled ostrich plumes. Huge clusters of tips are placed even upon the most diminutive straw hats, some such immensely large handful frequently forming the only trimming of the hat, save for the tulle or ribbon, or flowers, of which the cache-péage is made. These feathers are often adjusted at surprising angles, and compel attention for the hat as an eccentricity in vogues.

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Mix all together; squeeze a few drops of lemon-jelly over the whole, and garnish it with red fruit jelly. Tinned pineapple or apricots make a good addition to this dish, but they should be reboiled, cut into tiny pieces, and the juice reduced to a thick syrup. Serve the sweet with Savoy biscuits

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